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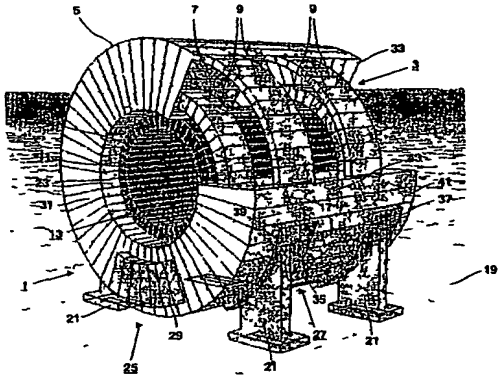

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) system (1) comprising a damping member (25, 27) which is mounted to a part (5) of the MRI system susceptible to vibrations relative to the magnetic field during operation. Said damping member comprises an electrically conductive member (29, 35, 37) which is present in the magnetic field and in which eddy currents are generated as a result of said vibrations. The conductive member (29, 35, 37) is arranged in a secondary portion of the magnetic field at a distance from the main field portion (17), which secondary portion has a magnetic field strength which differs by more than 25% from the magnetic field strength (Bo) of the main field portion. In this manner, the distance between the conductive member and the main field portion is sufficiently large to prevent the eddy currents in the conductive member from causing unacceptable distortions of the main field portion, while, on the other hand, the magnetic field strength in said secondary portion is still sufficiently large to provide an adequate damping effect of the damping member (25, 27).

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